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SUBJECT: PRC PURCHASE OF CANADIAN WHEAT

REF: USLO PEKING 1099

1. ACTING AGATT ESTIMATES TOTAL SHIPMENTS OF WHEAT TO PRC
IN CALENDAR YEAR 1977 TO MEET CANADIAN SALES COMMITMENTS
TOTAL 3.5 MILLION MT. THIS TOTAL IS DERIVED FROM THE
FOLLOWING THREE KNOWN SALES: (A) DECEMBER 1976 SALE OF
750,000 MT TO SATISFY 1973 LONG TERM AGREEMENT FOR FEBRUARY
-JUNE DELIVERY EQUALS 150,000 MT PER MONTH; (B) JANUARY
1977 SALE OF 1.5 MILLION MT FOR MARCH-DECEMBER EQUALS
150,000 MT PER MONTH; (C) MAY 31 ANNOUNCED SALE OF 3.0
MILLION MT FOR AUGUST/77-JULY/78 SHIPMENT EQUALS 250,000
MT PER MONTH FOR AUGUST-DECEMBER PERIOD. NO DETAILS OF
SHIPPING SCHEDULE ARE AVAILABLE; HOWEVER, IT IS IN CANADIAN
INTEREST TO SPACE SHIPMENTS AS EVENLY AS POSSIBLE TO TAKE
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BEST ADVANTAGE OF HER LOW VOLUME EXPORT FACILITIES.

2. ACTUAL CLEARANCES JANUARY-APRIL TOTALED 834 THOUSAND MT
WITH MONTHLY SHIPMENTS OF: JAN. 164; FEB. 222; MARCH 144;
APRIL 304.

3. BALANCE OF SHIPMENTS USING PARAMETERS ABOVE SHOULD BE

SPACED AS FOLLOWS IN THOUSAND MT PER MONTH: MAY 300; JUNE 300; JULY 150; AUGUST-DECEMBER 400.

4. SHIPMENTS OF 400,000 METRIC TONS PER MONTH FOR AUGUST-DECEMBER WOULD EXCEED 1971-1976 AVERAGE MONTHLY PACIFIC COAST SHIPMENTS OF WHEAT INCLUDING DURUM WHEAT. WE MUST REACH BACK TO 1971 AND 1972 TO FIND TOTAL SHIPMENTS LARGE ENOUGH TO SERVICE THESE CONTRACTS.

5. POST PROJECTION OF EXPORTS OF BARLEY, OATS, RYE, FLAX-SEED AND RAPESEED IN BOTH 1976/77 AND 1977/78 PRECLUDE SIGNIFICANT DISPLACEMENT OF THESE GRAINS BY WHEAT FOR WEST COAST SHIPMENT.

6. THE GRAIN MARKETING OFFICE, ITC REPORTS THAT THESE SHIPMENTS TO THE PRC ARE SPECIFIED FOR WEST COAST DELIVERY.

7. IT IS APPARENT THAT CANADA WILL HAVE TO SUSTAIN AN UNUSUALLY HIGH THROUGHPUT OF ALL GRAINS MOVING WEST FOR THE NEXT FIFTEEN MONTHS, IF THESE CONTRACTS PLUS THE NORMAL SERVICING OF JAPAN AND OTHER PACIFIC RIM COUNTRIES IS TO BE CARRIED OUT SUCCESSFULLY. ENDERS

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